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LETTER DATED 6 DECEMBER 1996 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF NIGER TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government, and further to the consultations conducted by Mr. Paul Biya, President of the Republic of Cameroon and current Chairman of the Organization of African Unity, I have the honour to present to you the candidature of Mr. Hamid Algabid for the post of Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Mr. Algabid, former Prime Minister of Niger, is currently Secretary-General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference. His term expires on 31 December 1996. He has also occupied important posts, including those of Minister of Finance, Minister of Commerce and Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation.

He has a doctorate in legal studies from the University of Paris (Sorbonne) and speaks, reads and writes French, English and Arabic.

His curriculum vitae is annexed hereto.

The Government of Niger strongly hopes that his candidature will be supported by the States members of the Security Council.

(Signed) Adamou SEYDOU
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

[Original: English]

Mr. HAMID ALGABID

Personal details

National of the Republic of the Niger: Age 55 years. Married to Safia Moulaye.

Career

1988-1996: Secretary-General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC).

During the first term (1988-1992) instituted a series of structural, administrative and financial reforms. In the second tenure (1992-1996) major involvements include the reactivation of the work of the Committee for Solidarity with the Peoples of the African Sahel; the peace process in the Middle East; the conflicts in the Gulf, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Afghanistan, the southern Philippines, Somalia and Tajikistan. (Completes the second term on 31 December 1996.)

1983-1988: Prime Minister of the Republic of the Niger.

Instituted structural reforms in cooperation with international financial institutions and introduced effective coordination mechanisms in the Government.

1983: Minister of Finance.

Mobilized domestic resources and, among other reform measures, relieved financial constraints in the national treasury.

1981-1983: Minister of Commerce and Transport.

Carried out thorough reviews of the problems of trade, commerce and transport sectors and introduced progressive reform measures.

1979-1981: Secretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Principal responsibilities included bilateral dealings with external donors and cooperation with the United Nations and other international organizations.

Academic qualifications

Doctorate in Legal Studies, University of Paris, Sorbonne.
Post-Graduate Diploma, Institut de l'Administration publique de Paris.
Bachelor of Laws, University of Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire.